

# THE WILMINGTON JOURNAL.

WILMINGTON, N. C., FRIDAY, SEPT. 10, 1852.

## DEMOCRATIC NOMINATIONS.

FOR PRESIDENT,  
**GEN. FRANKLIN PIERCE,**  
Of New Hampshire.

FOR VICE PRESIDENT,  
**HON. WM. R. KING,**  
Of Alabama.

PRESIDENTIAL ELECTOR FOR THE 7TH DISTRICT,  
**SAMUEL J. PERSON,**  
of New Hanover County.

"No North, no South, no East, no West, under the Constitution; but a sacred maintenance of the common bond and true devotion to the common brotherhood."  
FRANKLIN PIERCE

The Editor of the Journal left home last Saturday, on business in the Western part of the State. He will probably not return in less than six or eight days. We shall expect him to be "chock full" of Democracy on his arrival home; and he will, health permitting, fully make up for loss time during the remainder of the campaign.

This number of the Journal is the commencement of the Ninth Volume. We tender our most sincere thanks to a generous public for the very liberal encouragement we have received; and although our list is gradually on the increase, we have plenty of room left for as many as may seem fit to enroll their names on our list.

Next week being County Court in this town and county, many of our subscribers who are in arrears for the Journal, will have a favorable opportunity of paying up. We hope they will not forget us. We want money.

S. J. PERSON, Esq., Democratic Elector for this district, will address his fellow-citizens of New Hanover county on Tuesday next during the day. Notice of the hour and place will be given in the Daily Journal.

## Democratic Meeting.

We have been requested, by a number of our Democratic friends, to give notice that a Meeting of our party will be held at the Court House, on Tuesday night next for the purpose of forming a Pierce and King Club, and to transact such other business as may be brought before the meeting. It is hoped every Democrat will be present. Come one, come all.

From the Daily Journal, Sept. 4.

## The End of the Year.

"The Daily Journal" has now finished the first year of its existence, and we are pleased to announce that the experiment of establishing a daily paper in North Carolina has been so far successful as to warrant us in continuing its publication. A daily press may, therefore, be regarded as a permanent "institution" in the town of Wilmington.

Few, save those who have actually tried a similar experiment, can appreciate the labors and difficulties attendant upon such an enterprise, undertaken in a community where such a thing had never previously been attempted. If, therefore, the paper has not been all that it should have been, or that we could have desired to make it, we feel confident that a generous allowance will be extended to its shortcomings, while our efforts for the accommodation of the public will be duly appreciated.

With none of that assistance from a corps of sub-editors, reporters and writers, which the conductors of a daily paper in large city, can always command; and compelled, in health or sickness, to contribute to the public our position during the past year has been far from a sinecure. To give some idea of the labor, we would mention one, and by no means the most tiresome part of it: within the past year, the amount of editorial matter appearing in the paper, would make eight hundred full-sized octavo pages in fair type. This matter, all furnished by the editor, is exclusive of the reports of markets, ship news, weekly reviews of markets, etc., contributed by the associate Editor.

The commercial department of our paper has received particular attention, and upon that score at least, we have few excuses to make. Our reports of markets and all other matters interesting to our business community, have been full, accurate and impartial; and we are happy to believe that their character in these respects will not be called in question.

In obtaining and publishing news, we have been prompt and energetic, availing ourselves of all the facilities within our reach; if there have been in some cases limited, we have at least endeavored to make a diligent use of them, and few items of intelligence have escaped us for lack of industrious research. We wish to make no promises in advance, that we may not be able to fulfil, but it shall certainly be our endeavor to enlarge our facilities considerably in the coming year, and to make such other improvements in our paper as circumstances may require or justify.

About politics we have little to say. In staring we told our Whig friends plainly that the Daily Journal would be a Democratic paper, in the fullest sense of the word, and such it has been and will be. For their liberal patronage we are deeply grateful. It was obtained under no false colors, and is honorable alike to them and to the paper. The Journal is a convenience and an advantage to the business community, and they have sustained it without allowing any mere prejudices to stand between them and their feelings of liberality and convictions of interest.

A daily paper has now become, in some measure, a necessity to the people of Wilmington, and with a certainty of being sustained, we shall enter upon the publication of the second year on Monday next.

## Edgcomb's Beaten.

Mr. JOHN K. CURRIE, has shown us a stalk of corn raised at his Pineknay place, near Wilmington, which measured seven inches around the second joint, and was ten feet high from the ground to the first ear. The stalk bore two very fair ears, and was planted in June last. The land upon which this corn grew was stony, and had never been manured. We also saw some very fine specimens of tobacco, raised on the same farm. One leaf measured about 32 inches in length, and wide in proportion. Mr. C. informs us that he has stalks of corn in the same field which even surpasses the one noticed above.

## Try again, Edgcomb.

"PIERCE AND KING."—We are indebted to Capt. WM. C. HOWARD, of the firm of HOWARD & PEDER, for the present of a very neat little banner, bearing the above inscription, for which we will please accept our thanks. Capt. HOWARD has always acted with the Whig party, but his principles are far above party discipline, when he considers his party in the wrong; and he will not, on the present occasion, support the nominee of the Baltimore Whig Convention for President. We shall keep the banner waving at our door, in honor of the noble-hearted donor, as well as the gentlemen whose names it will unfurl to the breeze as the standard-bearers of Democracy and the perpetuity of the Union.

The Farmers of Onslow county are requested to meet at Jacksonville, on the 1st Monday of October next, for the purpose of forming an Agricultural Society.

## Scott and Graham Meeting.

After sundry laborious but ineffectual efforts, the Scott Whigs in this community succeeded last Wednesday night in getting up a meeting for the purpose of organizing a Scott and Graham Club. After the appointment of officers, a distinguished stranger and orator, from the State of Georgia, was introduced to the meeting, who regaled it with a speech of some length and peculiarity. He premised his remarks by the declaration that principles were nothing—men everything. He ineffectually proved the inability of President Taylor's administration, and the total unfitness of Dan. Webster and Millard Fillmore for the Presidency. He then passed a glorious eulogy upon the patriotism of Andrew Jackson; and concluded by the assertion that he based his support of Gen. Scott upon the ingratitude (as he styled it) of the Democratic party, in failing to nominate the distinguished patriot and statesman of Michigan, Hon. Lewis Cass. His eulogy on Jackson was highly applauded. Thos. D. Meares, Esq., was then called upon, and made a speech of some length; after which, and the adoption of sundry resolutions, amongst them one styling themselves "National Republican Whigs," the meeting adjourned.

## The Compromise Measures.

We copy from the Union, an article on the passage of the various acts passed by Congress in 1850, commonly known as the compromise measures of that session. The article of the Union seems to have been prepared with much care, from the Journals of Congress; and from our own recollections of the matter, we have no hesitation in endorsing its correctness. The Herald has seen fit to charge the Journal with "recklessness" in its comments upon Mr. Graham's letter, where he speaks of the "omnibus." The Editor of the Journal is not in the habit of going off "half-cocked." He generally knows what he puts in print to be strictly true before he allows it to go forth to the public. He simply alluded to the "omnibus" itself, as it was reported to Congress, and as it was rejected by that body, because it contained no provision for the rendition of fugitive slaves. The article from the Union explains the whole matter.

The Herald of last Saturday, in commenting upon the Goldsboro Democratic Mass Meeting, says "the affair was a failure." We were not present, and of course cannot speak from personal knowledge; but we have very reliable authority for stating that the meeting was very large, on both days—the 2nd and 3rd—and the best spirit prevailed. We have heard various estimates as to the number of strangers present, and no one seems to think there was less than two thousand. Query.—If the Goldsboro meeting was a failure, how was it with the Enfield Whig meeting, where Mr. Dockery appears, from Whig authority, to have been the only prominent speaker on the occasion; and, upon the same authority, the gathering was principally confined to the county of Halifax, and did not number one thousand at farthest? Where was Stanley and a host of other Whig members of Congress, who, it had been announced, would be present, and address the people on that occasion?

## Eleven Days Later from California.

The steamship Daniel Webster arrived at New Orleans on the 4th inst., bringing San Francisco dates to the 14th of August. The Indians in the interior were somewhat troublesome, but nothing serious was apprehended.

A duel had been fought at Sacramento between Mr. E. Gilbert, member of Congress, and General Denvers. They fought with pistols. Mr. Gilbert was killed.

Business was steady, and the supply of all kinds of produce abundant. Prices of breadstuffs and groceries were rather on the decline.

We find in the National Intelligencer of the 3d inst., a card by Daniel Webster in reference to some remarks made by Mr. Mangum, in the U. S. Senate, which we published last week, in which Mr. Mangum, in opposing the bill for a public printer, deprecated "taking away the printing of the Department and giving it to the political press," and then made the following disparaging allusion to Mr. Webster:

"Mr. Mangum said perhaps there were occasional petty paltry tricks committed in the Departments. Very recently one had been committed, and that, too, by the great man of the Whig party; he meant the Secretary of State; a trick unworthy of him, unworthy of his position, and disgraceful to his party, so far as he could affect it, which was but to slight extent, and which shortly would be to any extent."

Mr. Webster thus replies to Mr. Mangum's charges:

"Upon inquiring, through a friend, I learn from Mr. Mangum that his observation was intended to apply to the appointment of the 'Wilmington Commercial,' conducted by Mr. Loring, as a paper to publish the laws in North Carolina; and to the appointment for the same purpose of the 'Knoxville Whig' in Tennessee."

The 'Wilmington Commercial' was appointed as a paper to publish the laws upon what was esteemed good Whig authority; and if Mr. Mangum had seen fit to consult the members of Congress from his own State, including eminent Whigs, he would have learned that there is not a more respectable journal in North Carolina than the 'Wilmington Commercial'; that the editor, Mr. Loring, is a highly respectable man, of irreproachable character; and that the paper is published with the sanction of any Whig paper published in Wilmington, the most popular and far the most commercial city or town in North Carolina. I refer Mr. Mangum, on this subject, to his associates in Congress."

As to the appointment of the 'Knoxville Whig' as one of the papers to publish the laws in Tennessee, it is sufficient to say that the appointment was made by me upon the express recommendation of a majority of the Whig members of Congress from that State.

So far as I remember, I never read a single number of either of these newspapers.

I hope I may be pardoned, under the circumstances, for this obtrusion on the public, so unusual for me, to defend my official conduct against mere random vituperation.

DAN L. WEBSTER.

## New York Democratic State Convention.

A telegraphic despatch, dated Syracuse, September 2d, states that the Democratic State Convention assembled on that day and nominated Horatio Seymour as their candidate for Governor. The despatch also states that the Barnburner contestants, including John Van Buren, were ruled out of seats in the Convention.

EIGHTH DISTRICT.—The committee appointed at the Democratic Convention held in New Bern last spring, to select an Elector for the 8th Congressional District, have tendered the appointment to Dr. D. G. W. WARD, of Greene county, and we learn that he has accepted of the same. The Goldsboro Patriot says, that Dr. WARD will open the campaign by an address to the citizens of Craven county, at New Bern, on the 14th inst.

F. B. SATTERTHWAITE, Esq., of Pitt county, has been chosen Whig Elector for the same District.

STEAMBOAT EXPLOSION AND LOSS OF LIFE.—The steamer Reinder burst her boiler on the North river, near Bristol Landing, (N. Y.) on the 4th inst., killing 27 persons, and wounding a number of others.

The net amount subject to the draft of the United States Treasury on the 23d ult., was \$17,705,183 22.

## Onslow County.

We learn that on Monday last, Col. S. J. Person, Elector for this District, addressed a large assembly at Jacksonville, in Onslow county, at which time, with his usual zeal and ability, he advocated the great principles of the Democratic party, and ably pleaded for the perpetuity of the compromise, the Constitution and the Union, pending now, as he demonstrated, upon the election of Franklin Pierce and Wm. R. King. Col. Person was replied to by John N. Washington, Esq., of New Bern, who was followed by Col. P. and the discussion was continued for several hours. Each and every of the stereotyped charges against General Pierce, as urged by Mr. W., was fully, fairly, and most successfully met and answered by Col. P., who acquitted himself handsomely; and, as we learn, fully sustained his reputation as a courteous and able debater. The Democracy in this tried and true county, are up and doing, and will roll up more than their usual majority in November next. We learn that the following gentlemen have been appointed assistant Electors for the county, viz: J. A. Avirett, Sr., E. W. Sanders, J. H. Foy, J. M. Ward, C. D. Foy, Col. L. W. Humphrey, J. A. Avirett, Jr., O. B. Sanders.

We also learn that Harvey Cox, Esq., was elected Chairman of the County Court of said County, on Monday last.

NEW PAPER MILL.—DAVID MURPHY, Esq., of Cumberland county, has recently completed a Paper Mill at Rockfish, near Fayetteville, in said county, a notice of which we copied from the Observer some two or three weeks since. We have been using paper made at the above Mill for the last week, both for the Daily and Weekly Journal; and we take pleasure in stating that it is a very fair article. We understand that the Mill has been constructed of the best materials, and put up by a master workman, in the best manner. We hope the Southern press, as far as practicable, will encourage the enterprise as one deserving of success. The quality of the paper will speak for itself.

NEW ENGINE.—It gives us pleasure to notice the receipt of a new Fire Engine, recently ordered by the Commissioners of Wilmington, for the use of the town. The Engine is called the "Howard," in honor of our presumptive, or worthy Magistrate of Police. The "Howard," we learn, is to be manned by a company of white men, and is said to be a fine specimen of workmanship.

FROM CALIFORNIA.—The steamship Northern Light, arrived at New York on the 7th inst., brings dates from San Francisco to the 14th ult., and passengers through in less than 24 days. The news has been mostly anticipated by the arrival of the Daniel Webster at New Orleans. We see nothing of interest.

NATHAN CHRIST, condemned at Mobile for the murder of THEODORE NYE, was hanged on the 2nd inst. He confessed the crime for which he had been condemned.

## The Yellow Fever in Charleston.

The Yellow Fever has recently broke out in Charleston, and up to the 4th inst. there had been 13 deaths reported. The Courier of the 6th says:—"We regret to state that our City is visited by this disease, but at the same time it affords us satisfaction to be able to say, and our statement is confirmed by the subjoined Bill of Mortality, that its progress as yet is slow, and that it is to be hoped that with due care and attention but few more deaths will occur—in fact Dr. Dawson's table shows that the disease is principally confined to those who have been but a short time residents in our city."

However, that no unnecessary alarm will be entertained in the community. Every precaution is being adopted. Ward Committees have been appointed both by the City Council, and the Board of Health, to visit such localities as are most liable to be infected, and a general cleansing and fumigation of the city will take place."

An immense meeting of the Democracy of New York was held on Thursday, the 2d inst., for the reception of Gen. Cass, Judge Douglas, and their compatriots in Congress. The papers state that over twenty thousand Democrats were present, exhibiting the union, harmony, and strength of the New York Democracy.

CARELESSNESS OF EDITORS.—The Norfolk "Southern Argus" in copying our remarks relative to the Webster meeting recently held in this town, says "The Wilmington, N. C., Journal, whig?" &c. We beg pardon of the Argus. We think we have battled well for Democracy, and we feel well assured that we have no desire to be classed with a party for whom we have no sort of sympathy, and have never written a line to advance their interests. It was evidently an error in the Argus, which it will take pleasure in correcting.

LATER FROM EUROPE.—The Steamship Arctic, arrived at New York on Sunday evening last, bringing dates from Liverpool to the 25th inst. There is no news, in a political way, of interest. The Cotton market was quiet. Breadstuffs had declined. See commercial head for markets.

The Arctic brings 170 passengers, among whom is Madame SONTAG, the great vocalist.

For the Journal.

At a meeting of the citizens of the town, convened at the Court House on Saturday evening, the 4th inst., for the purpose of organizing a military company for the better protection of the property of our citizens, on motion of Edward Cantwell, Esq., Mr. Joseph H. Flanner was called to the chair, and D. E. Bunting requested to act as secretary.

The object of the meeting having been explained, Messrs. Edward Cantwell and J. S. James were called upon and addressed the meeting at some length, setting forth the necessities of a well organized company.

Whereas, upon motion, it was resolved that a company should be formed, and that an election of officers be entered into forthwith—when the following gentlemen were unanimously elected, viz:

WM. C. HOWARD, Captain; Edward Cantwell, 1st Lieutenant; Wm. S. Read, 2nd do; David G. White, 3rd do; Jesse W. Dixey, 1st Sergeant; J. McCathen, 2nd do; Wm. Harris, 3rd do., and W. H. King, 4th do.; and it was ordered that the Corporals of said company be appointed by the officers of the same.

On motion, a committee consisting of five was appointed by the chairman, viz: Messrs. W. C. Howard, E. Cantwell, J. S. James, W. H. King, and J. W. Dixey, to draft By-Laws, Rules, &c., for the proper government of said company, to report the same to an adjourned meeting on Friday evening next. Also, ordered, that a certified copy of these proceedings be handed to the Colonel of the county and the Commissioners of the town, and be published in the several papers of the town.

A vote of thanks being tendered to the chairman and secretary, after a brief response from the chairman, the meeting adjourned.

J. H. FLANNER, Ch'n.  
D. E. BUNTING, Sec'y.

## From the Goldsboro Republican and Patriot.

Great Outpouring of the Democracy.  
The friends and former neighbors of William R. King in Council assembled!—First Demonstration in North Carolina.  
The friends and former neighbors of William R. King held a grand council at Goldsboro, near his birth place, on Thursday and Friday last. They came together from some twenty counties of this section, embracing what was appropriately named by the eloquent Dobbin, "the Tenth Legion of North Carolina Democracy." A number of the North Carolina Vice President of the United States from the Baltimore Democratic Convention, and near the spot of his birth place, his political and personal friends, and the acquaintances and neighbors of his youth, turned out to congratulate each other over the honor conferred upon the old North State. Near the old homestead upon his ancestral estate the first demonstration of the campaign in North Carolina, and it was worthy of the occasion and of the man in whose honor they assembled.

Early on Thursday morning the citizens of Wayne county, and of the counties East and West of this point began to pour in, soon filling our streets with an excited and interested multitude. At 10 o'clock the Wayne Pierce and King Club from the front of the Gravel Hotel, and preceded by their beautiful banner and the Richmond Brass Band, marched to the Court House to complete the arrangements for the day. Having transacted all the business necessary, the Club adjourned to the Hickory Pole raised on Wednesday evening in front of the Republican & Patriot Office, and as the flag bearing the inscription "PIERCE AND KING" floated in the breeze from the top of the 103 feet flag pole, three cheering cheers were given for the Democratic candidates for President and Vice President. The crowd then called upon Hon. Abram W. Venable, who was on the ground, and who delivered a few eloquent remarks dedicating the flag and pole to the cause of democracy.

Whilst this ceremony was in progress, the special train from the Raleigh and Norfolk counties—the Halifax delegation carrying a banner bearing the inscription "Halifax County, Right side up." A few minutes before 12 o'clock, the special train from Wilmington arrived, with large delegations from New Hanover, Duplin, Sampson and other counties. They came with their banners floating in the breeze, and amid the firing of a cannon which they carried on the train. Cheers greeted these delegations from those already on the spot. At 12 o'clock a procession of the various delegations was formed in front of Mrs. Borden's Hotel, and marching up East and down West Centre street, proceeded to the beautiful grove, where a platform had been erected for the speakers from abroad, and the citizens from the adjacent counties of North Carolina were welcomed on behalf of the Democracy of Wayne, in a brief and pertinent speech by Col. Thomas Ruffin, President of the Pierce and King Club. He then announced the following officers as having been selected for the occasion:

THOS. J. PASTER, of Carteret county, President.  
Vice Presidents—David B. Everett of Wayne, Dr. D. G. W. Ward of Greene, L. H. B. Whitaker of Halifax, Gen. Joshua Barnes of Edgecombe, Wm. H. Watson of Johnston, Richard Holmes of Sampson, Owen R. Kenna of Duplin, Daniel Dickson of New Hanover, Council Wooten of Lenoir, L. O. B. Branch of Wake, Jasper Edgerly of Onslow, Dr. R. B. Lee of Craven, John B. Lindsey of Nash, John Randolph of Pitt, Dr. Geo. F. Moore of Northampton, Benjamin Askew of Jones, Owen Holmes of Brunswick, Malcolm J. McDuffie of Cumberland, and John B. Lee of Wayne.  
Secretaries—Boaz F. Hooks, W. B. Gulick, W. C. Bryan, John T. Kennedy, Lewis Whitfield, Thomas Edwards, William Robinson.

On taking the Chair, the President returned thanks briefly for the honor conferred on him by being chosen to preside over the vast assembly. It was then announced that the Hon. Abram W. Venable, Representative from the Granville District, would first address the Mass Meeting. This announcement was received with hearty cheers. Mr. Venable rose and delivered a most effective speech of two hours in length. The audience listened with breathless attention, and were evidently delighted with the orator. In the commencement of his remarks, he explained briefly the reasons which compelled the absence of Col. King on this interesting occasion, and pronounced an eloquent and hearty response not only from the Democracy of the State, the candidate for the Vice Presidency. This was responded to by three loud and cheer from the crowd, that made the welkin ring, and spoke the feelings of affection and regard for him that pervaded the hearts of all. Mr. Venable then proceeded to vindicate Democratic principles, and to give reasons why Pierce should be elected President, and Scott should not be. We cannot pretend to give a report of the speeches, and can only add of Mr. Venable's, that it equalled the reputation that had preceded him. In the afternoon, Gov. Brown of Ohio, delivered an interesting speech, at one a happy defence of Democratic men and Democratic principles. Again the crowd was all attention, and again were they delighted with the orator.

At night, the crowd assembled in front of Mrs. Borden's Hotel, the street in front of which was illuminated by burning rosin barrels, and speeches were delivered from the piazza by Col. S. J. Person, Elector for the Wilmington District, by Geo. S. Stearns, Esq., of Craven, John R. Sanders, Esq., of Johnston, Robert Strange, Jr., and Eli W. Hall, Esq., of Wilmington, Wm. E. Hill, and W. J. Houston, Esq., of Duplin, Dr. McKoy of Sampson, H. C. Jones, Esq., of New-Berne, and Col. Ruffin, of Goldsboro'. The speech of Col. Person was a first-class style, and was no other than a grand and loud cheer. So were all the orators, each contributing to increase the enthusiasm of the crowd. At the intervals between the speeches, the Brass Band discoursed eloquent music. A lot of Ron candles were set off by that active Democrat, Mr. D. G. Lougee, and with this the speeches, the music and the firing of cannon, kept up the enthusiasm to a late hour.

On Friday, the crowd was much greater than on the day previous, Wayne county appearing in full force. A letter from Hon. Wm. R. King, and letters from several other distinguished gentlemen were read by Col. Ruffin, first in order. These will be found below. The Hon. Jas. C. Dobbin, Elector for the State at large, then delivered a speech in his very best style, and as no other than a grand and loud cheer. Need we say that it kindled in every breast an enthusiasm that will last till the day of election. No democrat could listen to his soul-stirring words, and not feel an honest pride that North Carolina possessed such a lion, and his party such a defender. After a speech of two hours in length, he was followed by Hon. Jeremiah Clemens, Senator from Alabama. He was received with three hearty cheers.

Mr. Clemens had fought under Gen. Pierce in Mexico, and had just returned from the great mass meeting at Hillsboro', New Hampshire. He spoke of Scott as a brave soldier, and a noble man; of Pierce, as another brave soldier, and an able statesman. Much as he admired and respected Scott, he could not support him, because the position he occupied before the country, he believed to be inimical to the interests of the South. Mr. Clemens is one of the most eloquent speakers we ever listened to, and his speech throughout was enthusiastically cheered. General Saunders followed, and delivered one of his very best speeches, able, sound, and forcible. It was listened to with marked attention.

Gen. Saunders' speech concluded the series of speeches for the occasion. On adjourning the Convention, the President, Col. Paster, delivered the following brief address:

"My friends, we have truly had a glorious time. We have been favored with good weather, boistered with able orators, and enjoyed a most interesting and profitable day for intelligence and gentlemanly deportment, have never been surpassed if equalled.

Feasted with eloquent and sound Democratic doctrines, we can but be encouraged to persevere in the great work we have so nobly begun.

We are now about to depart and return to our respective homes, where I hope we may find that nothing has happened to cause us to regret the few days we have devoted to our glorious cause, and to partake of the hospitality of our Democratic friends of Wayne."

Let us resolve to make one more determined effort on the 2d November, and roll up such a majority for our noble candidate, that the name of Pierce will never be recorded in the history of the good old North State.

Thanking you sincerely for the indulgence you have extended to me as the presiding officer of this vast assembly, I pronounce the meeting adjourned, without day.

With three loud cheers the crowd dispersed. The immense delegation from New Hanover and Sampson went off in the special train, those from the North in the mail train, and those from the East and West as they came. All we believe, were delighted with the demonstration, and all returned to their homes, strengthened in their faith, and with renewed determination to live and die for the cause until the 2d of November shall crown their efforts with the triumphant election of PIERCE and KING.

In concluding this notice, we cannot refrain from a single remark. Not a single speaker indulged in any abusive or abusive remarks towards Gen. Scott, or the Whig party. Reason and argument, not abuse, were the weapons of the occasion. Gen. Scott was always spoken of as a brave man, a good soldier, whose successful career as such shed honor on the country, but his political position, the influences which had effected his nomination, the inconsistent positions he—these were exposed, and these were the points of attack upon the Whig party. Such, too, was the language held by Mr. Venable towards Mr. Kerr. He had canvassed his Congressional District with him, knew him to be an able defender of his party, and if he could not defend Scott in North Carolina, he knew of no Whig who could successfully do so.

The crowd present was composed of many of the active and efficient men of some 20 counties in this section of North Carolina,—the tenth legion of her Democracy." As a body we remember to have seen no assemblage of the same size that could compare with it in intelligence and appearance. They were the men whose active influence is felt in their respective counties, and who may be truly said to constitute the backbone of the Democracy in this section. These have heard and seen, and will tell to all they heard and saw, and to spread the fires of enthusiasm kindled at the first great council of the Democracy of North Carolina for the campaign at Goldsboro'.

The hospitality of our beautiful little village was taxed very heavily, but it was fully equal to the occasion. Accommodations we believe were found for all who tarried among us through the night. May God and every one find it convenient soon to pay us another visit.

The following letters were received in reply to the invitation of the Committee to attend the Mass Convention:

From the Hon. Wm. R. King.  
SENATE CHAMBER, Aug. 20th, 1852.  
GENTLEMEN.—The invitation communicated by you from personal and political friends to attend a meeting of the citizens of Wayne and the adjoining counties, to be held on the 2d and 3d inst. at Goldsboro, has been received. I have delayed answering it with the hope that I might be able to accept. Very feelingly my heart prompts me to do so, and thus extend me, after a long and arduous tour, to take part in the hand of the friends and associates of my early days—for neither time nor absence can ever eradicate from my grateful remembrance, their uniform kindness in all the relations of private life, and their generous support whenever I came before them as a candidate for public favor. Deeply do I regret that the infirm state of my health will deprive me of the pleasure of the pleasure of meeting them at the time designated.

The confinement and labor incident to my official position, during this protracted session of Congress, has so impaired my physical strength that my physician is decidedly of the opinion that any exposure, or even excitement, might and probably would affect me injuriously—and my friends all concur in the opinion, that the advice which I should seek some quiet watering place in the mountains where pure air and rest would, it is hoped, speedily restore me to my usual health.

The regret which I feel in not being able to be with you, is in some degree lessened from knowing that many distinguished gentlemen of the Democracy of North Carolina, will be present, and to cheer you in your praiseworthy efforts to sustain those principles on the maintenance of which, in all their party, must depend the security of the Constitutional rights of the South, and as I believe the preservation of this Federal Government.

I beg you gentlemen to make known to my friends the reasons which unfortunately deprive me of the gratification of being with them on so interesting an occasion.

Accept, gentlemen, the assurance of my high respect and esteem.

Faithfully I am your fellow-citizen.

WILLIAM R. KING.  
Thos. Ruffin, Esq., John Everett, and others Committee.

From his Excellency Gov. Reid.  
EXECUTIVE MANSION, Raleigh, August 28th, 1852.

Gentlemen.—I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your polite invitation to attend a Democratic Mass Meeting at Goldsboro, on the 2d and 3d of September, at which the personal and political friends of the Hon. Wm. R. King have invited him to be present.

As assured that it would afford me great pleasure to join you on the occasion, and to testify my high appreciation of the distinguished public services of your guest, but an accumulation of public duties incident to an absence of some months from this city, will, I regret to say, prevent my attendance.

The nomination of Franklin Pierce and William R. King, for the first and second of the great offices of the people, affords the highest evidence of the strong feeling of the Democracy of the Union and the true principles of the Constitution. I am proud to know that this sentiment meets a hearty response not only from the Democracy of the State, but from thousands not heretofore acting with that party, who acknowledge a higher allegiance to their country than to party, and who come forward and avow their determination to promote the happiness and prosperity of the country.

The who history of this country shows that correct principles must sooner or later prevail, and every attempt to attain high public station by deception in this enlightened age of elevated patriotism will meet a signal rebuke at the hands of the people.

I am, very respectfully,  
Your ob't servant,  
DAVID S. REID.

Dr. S. A. Andrews and others, Committee of Invitation, Goldsboro'.

Letters were also read from James Buchanan, D. S. Dickinson, Robert Strange, Sen., Linn Boyd, John C. Breckenridge, John W. Forney, T. L. Clingman, A. Rencher, Perrin Busbee, and James B. Shepard, expressing their regrets at being unable to attend the meeting.

## Committee of Vigilance.

Appointed in accordance with a resolution adopted by a meeting of the Democratic party, held at the Court House in Wilmington, on the 1st September, 1852.

Federal Point—Joseph G. Pickett, Jas. S. Newton, Chas. Craig, Thomas Joyner.  
Upper South—Rich'd Beady, Dan'l Sanders, N. Sullivan, Thos. S. Pickett, J. M. Stevenson.  
Middle Sound—O. F. Alexander, Reubin Everett, John W. Howard, John A. Sanders, C. H. McClammy.  
Topsail—N. N. Nixon, John Howard, Sr., Edward St. George, Woodman Silsby, A. Shepard.  
Holly Shelter—John Shepard, J. P. Bannerman, David Williams, B. J. Rochelle, Asah Wooten.  
Rocky Point—David McIntire, M. C. Collins, Thomas H. Tate, Evan Larking, Morris Brown.  
South Washington—Lott Croom, John D. Powers, Geo. W. Croom, Robert H. Tate, D. Harrell.  
Upper Black River—L. Highsmith, James Kerr, Dr. Newkirk Dr. Seavey, J. C. Devane.  
Piney Woods—J. M. Alderman, M. Register, Thomas Bland, Wm. A. Lamb, John H. Murphy.  
Lower Black River—James P. Moore, Owen Alderman, Joel L. Moore, Aaron Colvin, Dr. Simpson.  
Catawba—Wm. S. Pridden, Charles Henry, Wm. C. Marshall, T. J. Corbett, John F. Pridden.  
Long Creek—Wm. S. Larkins, J. E. Bunting, George J. Moore, C. D. Henry, Lott Croom, Jr.  
Wilmington—E. C. Bettenotter, W. N. Peden, John Nett, Peter M. Walker, Thos. H. Lane.

New York, Sept. 3.—The steamer Empire City, with Havana dates of the 29th ult., has arrived.—She brings 70 passengers.

The political excitement at Havana was increasing, and a crisis, it is said, was evidently close at hand. The Government continued its course of severity, and suspected persons were immediately arrested upon the most frivolous pretexts, and thrown into loathsome dungeons.

The new paper called "The Voice of the People," had been suppressed and its publishers subjected to close confinement. It was believed, however, that no one had yet been garoted.

All Americans are viewed with suspicion and distrust. The cholera and small pox had somewhat abated, but the yellow fever was raging with terrible virulence.

Freights to the United States had improved.